

TOWN COUNCIL

STAFF REPORT

Department of Engineering



MEETING DATE:	April 12, 2016
PROJECT:	Fair Housing Resolution
PROJECT MANAGER:	John R. Hutchinson, Infrastructure Project Manager

RECOMMENDATION: Town Staff recommends Town Council approve a Resolution affirming the continued dedication of the Town of Bluffton to fair housing principles and regulations and designating the month of April as Fair Housing Month.

BACKGROUND: The dedication of April as "Fair Housing Month" affirms the Town of Bluffton's continued dedication to South Carolina's and the Federal Government's Fair housing principles and regulations. The Town of Bluffton's focus on Fair Housing and extends beyond the month of April and is a continuous year round effort exhibited by projects and programs such as:

- The Wharf Street Redevelopment;
- The extension of sewer water and sidewalk improvements in the Buck Island Simmonsville Community through our CDBG Program ultimately serving 764 residents in 237 homes, with grants totaling \$2.1M in grants;
- Our numerous Neighborhood Assistance Program activities;
- Fair Housing information available at Town Hall;
- The Town's website contains links to various Fair Housing resources;
- Advertisements in the newspapers and placing of Fair Housing posters in Public facilities; and
- Fair housing related activities at public events.

A critical component of these efforts is our ability to acquire grant funding. A key Federal requirement to obtain these funds is that the Town Council certify that the Town of Bluffton will affirmatively further fair housing objectives in the administration of these grants. The Town of Bluffton's dedication to our programs demonstrates our commitment to this and will help ensure the Town's ability to continue efforts to provide and protect our citizen's rights to a decent, safe and sound living environment.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Fair Housing Resolution



TOWN OF BLUFFTON FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Town of Bluffton desires that all its citizens be afforded the opportunity to attain a decent, safe, and sound living environment; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bluffton rejects discrimination on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, disability, and/or familial status in the sale, rental, or provision of other housing services; and

WHEREAS, the State of South Carolina enacted the South Carolina Fair Housing Law in 1989; and

WHEREAS, April is recognized nationally as Fair Housing Month;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Bluffton does hereby designate April 2016 as Fair Housing Month.

Adopted this Twelfth Day of April 2016 by the Bluffton Town Council.

ATTEST:

Sandra Lunceford, Town Clerk
Town of Bluffton, South
Carolina

Lisa Sulka, Mayor
Town of Bluffton, South Carolina